



# **Motorist Bill of Rights**

The Houston Police Department and the licensed towing companies of Houston want you to be an informed consumer. The following are your rights regarding towing services in the City of Houston.

#### **Tow Fee**

**\$160.00 –** If your vehicle is abandoned, blocking a moving lane, or in an accident or law enforcement incident the fee will be \$160.00 for the first 20 miles and \$3.20 per additional mile.

#### **Payment Options**

Cash or Credit Card will be accepted. The tow operator must accept two of the four major credit cards (MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover).

## **Tow Location (excluding prisoner vehicles)**

You have the option to be towed to a location of your choice at the tow fee rate listed above. Advise the on-scene police officer of the location you choose and ask for a copy of the police tow slip indicating the location.

# **Police Private Storage Lot**

You have the option to have your vehicle towed to a Police Private Storage Lot where the storage fees are regulated and posted. Choosing a location other than a Police Private Storage Lot may lead to paying fees that are not regulated.

## **Soliciting**

Tow operators may not solicit business. If a tow operator attempts to solicit business, notify the officer on the scene.

# Find My Car

To find the storage lot location of your vehicle and pending storage fees, please visit <a href="https://www.findmytowedcar.com">www.findmytowedcar.com</a>. The license plate or VIN number must be entered in order to retrieve the information.

#### **Tow Hearing**

If you feel your vehicle was wrongly towed, you may request a hearing to determine if probable cause existed for the removal of the vehicle. Visit <a href="https://www.jp.hctx.net/tow/RequestTowHearing.pdf">www.jp.hctx.net/tow/RequestTowHearing.pdf</a> for information on hearings.

#### **Complaints**

Direct complaints to the Houston Police Department, Auto Dealers Detail at <a href="hpd.AutoDealers@HoustonPolice.org">hpd.AutoDealers@HoustonPolice.org</a> or call 832-394-4869.